

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HAWAII 2011 NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate a group of exceptional students and teachers from the State of Hawaii for their participation in the 2011 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest. This year's theme, "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failure, Consequences," was the starting point for student projects nationwide.

The National History Day, NHD, is a highly regarded academic program for elementary and secondary school students. Each year, over a half a million students participate in the NHD contest where students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. Once students draw their conclusions about their topics' significance in history, they present their work in original papers, Web sites, exhibits, performances and documentaries. The projects are entered into competitions in the spring at local and state levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. National History Day culminates with the Kenneth E. Behring National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park each June.

This year, two student teams from Hawaii received national honors. Kamaile Aluli, Kaylee Alana Miller and Truman Spring from Laie Elementary School placed first in the junior Web site competition with their entry titled, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: the Battle over Hetch Hetchy." Their teachers are Serena Tuliloa and Colleen Spring. Moanalua High School students Janal Kim, Keri Ann Nagaishi and Kelly Zakimi took second place for their senior group exhibit, "Creation of Pakistan." Their teacher is Angela Brooks.

As a former educator, I am pleased to see our keiki succeeding on a national level. Throughout my career in Congress, I have worked closely with my colleagues to ensure that students in Hawaii and the nation have quality teachers, schools and academic programs. The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest is one such program that offers children who have a passion for history, a way of rewarding them for their hard work.

Once again I offer my sincere congratulations and aloha to all the students and teachers who participated in the 2011 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest and wish them all success in their academic futures.●

AWWA PIPE TAPPING CHAMPIONS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, HBWS, women's team that won the American Water Works

Association, AWWA, Pipe Tapping Contest in Washington, DC, on June 15, 2011. Known as the Wahine, the HBWS women captured the first place title for a second year in a row at the 130th AWWA Annual Conference with a time of 2:35.81 minutes. This was the third AWWA Championship for the team, having won in 2010 and 2005.

The Wahine faced off against four rivals in a contest where top utility teams race to tap a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe. The women of HBWS demonstrated amazing skill and showcased the expertise of AWWA members.

The HBWS Wahine includes Cat Sawai, setter, Susan Oda, copper, and Danielle Ornellas, cranker. The team was led by coach Gary Fernandez.

I congratulate the Honolulu Board of Water Supply Wahine on their accomplishment, and I wish all of them the best in their future endeavors. I extend the same congratulations to all members of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply who participated in this year's AWWA Conference on a job well done.●

TRIBUTE TO LARRY AND BARBI WEINBERG

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Today I honor two great Americans who have made a wonderful life by what they have given. Lawrence and Barbara Weinberg, or Larry and Barbi as their family and friends know them, have given much to their faith, to their country, and to their family and friends. Today I call attention to their service that the good life they have made can serve as an example to us all.

Larry answered our Nation's call to duty and served in the U.S. Infantry in France during World War II. He was nearly killed by the explosion of a landmine. While he was injured on the ground, a German soldier bayoneted him in the stomach. He remained motionless and isolated for over thirteen hours. Against all odds, he was rescued by a Catholic Army Chaplain and spent a year recovering in the hospital.

After Larry was discharged from both the hospital and the Army, he met Barbi. It was the summer of 1946. They married 6 months later. Larry then started a Los Angeles home-building business. He began with just four houses, but built his company to become the Larwin Group Companies, the largest privately owned single-family housing producer in the United States. He later became the principal owner and CEO of the Portland Trailblazers from 1975-1988, and served on the board of governors of the National Basketball Association from 1980-1983.

Together, Larry and Barbi have been unwavering supporters of the Jewish community and Israel. In 1973, Barbi was elected president of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, becoming the first woman to be elected president of a major federation

in the United States. She used her position to expand the previously secular Foundation to Orthodox, Conservative, and Reformed Jewish congregations.

Larry also continued his work supporting the American-Israeli relationship. He was elected president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC, in 1976 for 5 years, later serving as its chairman from 1982-1987. He is known as the founder of modern AIPAC.

Larry established the Jewish Foundation Barbi Weinberg Chai Award to honor individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of and appreciation for Jewish life. Barbi sponsored a program to prepare junior and senior high school students with the knowledge, confidence, and training to speak up for themselves and for Israel, and to fight anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias on college campuses. These programs are so important for our Nation's youth.

In 1984, Barbi founded the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. This research foundation has become one of the most influential think tanks in Washington, advising policymakers on Middle East issues.

Larry and Barbi have lived a life of dedicated public service. They are most proud, however, of their loving dedication to their family. During their 64 years together, Larry and Barbi have 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. All are hardworking, successful Americans that share Larry and Barbi's commitment to public service.

Larry and Barbi truly have made a good life by what they have given. I am proud to consider myself a friend. And may their service be an example to us all.●

LUBEC, MAINE

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, Lubec, ME, is the easternmost town in the United States, the place where the rising Sun first shines on America. That unique geographic location has special meaning in this, Lubec's bicentennial year. Today, as they have for two centuries, the people of Lubec greet every day with the optimism and determination each dawn brings.

Located on a slender peninsula that separates Passamaquoddy Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, Lubec is more than a town on the sea. It is a town of the sea. Its 95 miles of shoreline once were lined with cargo-filled docks, shipyards, sail makers, canneries, smokehouses, and tide-powered sawmills. Its namesake, Lubeck, Germany, was chosen to emulate that ancient seafaring city's role as a center of open and free trade. The magnificent sea captain homes throughout the town stand as monuments to Lubec's role as an early hub of America's global commerce.

Now, it is a shoreline of aquaculture pens, lobster traps, and urchin and scallop boats. For those seeking a genuine downeast Maine experience, the